

SYLVESTRA FIRST IN LADIES' HANDICAP

Added Starter Beats High Class Field in Feature at Belmont Park.

RUNS MILE IN 1:37 2-5

20,000 Racegoers See Sweep On Equal Record in the Richmond.

By HENRY V. KING.

Sylvestra, an added starter, carried the colors of J. J. Hallenbeck to victory in the Ladies' Handicap, the feature of the program at Belmont Park yesterday afternoon. The mare, owned by J. J. Hallenbeck, was ridden by Eddie Taplin, she ran the best race of her career and defeated a high class field of mares and fillies in sensational style. At the end of the one mile journey she was three parts of a length in front of Enfield, which took second honors by half a length from Lady Gertrude. Among the mares which finished back were W. R. Coe's Terentia, E. Macomber's Fruit Cake and J. H. Rosier's Passing Show. Sylvestra carried 117 pounds and won the mile in 1:37 2-5, the fastest time ever recorded for the stake since it has been run at Belmont Park. A few minutes after Sylvestra had won the Ladies' W. R. Coe's celebrated three-year-old colt Sweep On won the Richmond at six and a half furlongs in a gallop, and equalled the track record of 1:17 2-5 made by Harry Payne Whitney's Brookwood Nymph in 1907. Staggering three lengths behind Sweep On was Jack Scott, which took the second end of the purse for a length and a half. In front of S. C. Hildreth's Regal Lodge, more than twenty thousand persons were at the course, but they seemed few to those who saw the crowd on Memorial Day. The gigantic course was large enough to accommodate the 20,000, and the pushing and shoving and mauling of the day before yesterday. While the Memorial Day gathering was an enthusiastic one it was not one whit more so than that of yesterday. There were no head and head hags, and the contests furnished keen competition, and there were cheers galore for all the victors.

Fruit Cake Made Favorite.

The Ladies' is one of the oldest fixtures on the American turf. It was first decided at Jerome Park in 1888 and since its inaugural has always attracted the best mares and fillies in the country. This year was no exception. Forty-six royally bred mares were nominated, but only eight were considered worthy to start. They were named: Terentia, which was the favorite, even money, and even after Sylvestra had been added it was considered an extremely open race. Fruit Cake had the most friends and was made a favorite at 13 to 5. But Enfield, with Johnny Loftus in the saddle, was well played at 7 to 1, and so were Terentia and her stable mate, Athlete, at 5 to 1, and Sylvestra at 9 to 2.

The nine ladies went to the post as usual as a gathering of militant suffragettes and a few of the kind at the webbing they behaved frightfully. They tried to kick each other out of the contest and it was only after trying minutes that they were considered worthy to start. Terentia had the most early speed and quickly sped to the front. She was followed closely by Enfield, and then came the rest of the field. Terentia had the most early speed and quickly sped to the front. She was followed closely by Enfield, and then came the rest of the field. Terentia had the most early speed and quickly sped to the front. She was followed closely by Enfield, and then came the rest of the field.

Sweep an Easy Victor.

The result of the Richmond was never in doubt after the barrier went up. Sweep On raced Peter Piper into submission during the first half mile and then came on and won as he pleased. Sweep On's race was an exceptionally fine one. He ran as though he could go Derby route, but he could not be surprised if he would improve and give Sir Barton a fight for the three-year-old laurels.

Veight defeated The Brook. This remarkable steeplechase horse was considered so much superior to his opponents in the Meadow Brook Handicap that Walter G. W. Smith, the handicapper, assigned him the crushing handicap of 173 pounds. This was twenty-one to forty pounds more than his purses. He failed to get any part of the purse. He failed to get any part of the purse. He failed to get any part of the purse.

The Meadow Brook was a test at two and a half miles. Stonewood, with only 140 pounds on his back and Vincent Powers in the saddle, went to the front soon after the start and set the pace throughout to win in a driving finish by a length and a half from Morton L. Schwartz's Crest Hill. Skibberen, Stonewood's stable third, finished third and probably would have won if Fred Williams had not interfered. Williams had not interfered. Williams had not interfered.

The first race, a selling affair at six furlongs, was won by S. C. Hildreth's Arrah Go On, with Robert McManis and Subahdar third. After the race the horses changed stables and to keep vague it cost the Huntington Valley Farm nearly \$1,500. Robert McManis and Subahdar third. After the race the horses changed stables and to keep vague it cost the Huntington Valley Farm nearly \$1,500.

Clashed Star Reelin from R. E. Watkins. W. Strike took Currency from Edward F. Whitney and J. Ebb pounced down on the Triple Spruce and Subahdar. Three horses put in claims for Vague, but his owner's bid of \$2,000 was the highest.

SENATORS OBTAIN SHEA.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 31.—Martin Shea, coach of the Harvard freshman baseball team, received orders today to report to the Washington Americans on Monday for a tryout as an infielder. He was with the Cubs for a short time last year and formerly played in the Western League.

RIDGEWOOD OPENING.

The Ridgewood Grounds will be opened next Sunday with a double header. Willie Keeler will be in charge.

THE SUN'S RACING CHART.

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MISS GOSS VICTOR IN PELHAM TENNIS

Wins Final Match From Mrs. Edward W. Raymond in Straight Sets, 6-1, 6-3.

DOUBLES CONTEST CLOSE

Miss Pollak and Miss Gilles-deau Need 3 Sets to Beat Opponents, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

By EUGENE R. O'CONNELL.

Miss Eleanor Goss, runner up for the national lawn tennis championship last year, captured the Pelham trophy by defeating Mrs. Edward W. Raymond, former Metropolitan title holder, in the final round of the invitation tournament on the Pelham Country Club courts yesterday at 6-1, 6-3. Miss Goss was at the top of her game, and from the beginning the result was never in doubt. The match was a straight set, 6-1, 6-3. Miss Goss was at the top of her game, and from the beginning the result was never in doubt. The match was a straight set, 6-1, 6-3.

Miss Goss Plays Near Net.

While Mrs. Raymond was standing back of the line to return her rival's service Miss Goss took advantage to forecourt, from where she made fine placement shots by her strong cross court strokes or severe drives along the side lines. Miss Goss had her eyes, both backhand and forehand, working to perfection, she had the ball skimming just barely over the net throughout the match, and Mrs. Raymond found it a hopeless task trying to keep pace with the ultimate winner.

In the opening set Miss Goss won three of the first four games, but only after each one of the three had gone to extra points. The only game that Mrs. Raymond won in this set was the third, and she took it easily with the loss of only one point. In the last three games of the set Miss Goss had things all her own way and lost only two points. Miss Goss had a total of 15 points in this set, against 20 for Mrs. Raymond.

In the second set Miss Goss took the lead at 4-1, and then let up for a spell. Mrs. Raymond, however, found that she could not afford to let up against Mrs. Raymond, for the latter was quick to take advantage of the lull and carried off the next game. Miss Goss won the set 6-3.

The doubles match between Miss Pollak and Miss Gilles-deau was a close contest. They needed three sets to beat their opponents, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

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American Tennis Stars Going to France to Play in Inter-Allied Events

Clarence J. Griffin of California, who with William M. Johnston, another tennis player from the Golden Gate, held the national doubles tennis championship; Willis E. Davis, still another Californian; and Charles E. Garland of Pittsburgh, former junior champion, will sail this week from New York for

France to compete in the interallied games in Paris late in June and early in July. These men were chosen by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association at the request of the War Department to play on the United States team.

The other members of the American tennis team will be Watson M. Washburn, Dean Matthey and Harold Beck. These last three are still over in France and with the three selected to go over should make America's team a formidable one on the court. The fact that the eligibility rule prevented men who served in the navy from competing eliminated a number of American stars from competing, but it is felt that the team as it now stands will make a creditable showing.

Griffin ranked sixth in 1917 and Davis ranked eighth. Neither of these players was ranked in 1918, as they were both abroad that year and played in no tournaments. Garland joined the army last year and played in few tournaments. When he did play, however, he

showed class enough to get him a ranking of eighth. It is expected that all of the players who will compete in the interallied games will be back in this country in the middle of July, which will give them a few days in time for the national championships at the end of August.

There will be many who agree with him, for in recent years the tendency has been to build up the game on the service and to make the play in all its phases entirely new. The American began to change when the British found the way to make the ball break and "lick." At once the receiver was placed in a great disadvantage. In order to take the ball, a British player's back hand was forced in a false position, often outside the side line, and though his return might be good, he had seldom a reasonable chance of passing the server, who advanced to volley.

Under these conditions the service, it is thought, has become too big a factor in the game. A player who is expert in this one stroke may win, though he may be deficient in all the other strokes. The most notable instance of this is the case of Maurice McLaughlin, the American. When he came to Wimbledon in 1912 he carried all before him, entirely owing to the accuracy of his service. It baffled even his opponents in the championship. The most they could do was to get the ball back somehow or other, without attempting to place it.

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LAWFORD SUGGESTS REFORM IN TENNIS

Old English Champion Wants Server to Get Only One Chance.

CURB ON AMERICAN STYLE

Development of the "Cannon Ball" Is Deplored in British Circles.

By HENRY V. KING.

The development of the American service in England appears to worry the British tennis officials and they are inclined toward some sort of reform to curb the man with the McLaughlin cannon ball style. The latest suggestion comes from H. P. Lawford, after whom a tennis stroke was named. Lawford, the English champion in 1917, Lawford advocates giving the server only one chance instead of two.

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